

Office of Community Services (OCS)
Programs to Strengthen Marriages and Families:

THE ASSETS FOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

The program incorporates Marriage Education into the financial curricula of Individual Development Accounts (IDA's), and to seek creative ways to connect community service providers with the goal of strengthening families. IDAs serve low-income individuals in over 180 communities nationwide, matching dollar-for-dollar IDA savings of low-income persons. Savings revenues are applied toward Marriage Education through the Community Healthy Marriage Initiatives.

Services include Marriage Education in IDA grantee programs on Financial Education, and conferences on IDAs and healthy marriages. State and federal funds are applied to local matching funds. The program features education and major conferences to identify potential program participants.

GRANT RECIPIENT: 5-20 of the approximately 150 current grantees

PROJECT PERIOD: n/a

PROJECT FUNDING: pending